GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri B.Gandhi Reddy, Dy. Conservator of Forests (Retd.) the then Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 52 Dated: 05-09-2017

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.494,EFS&T(For.IV)Department Dt::08-10-2009.
2. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No. 27814/2007/P-2, dt:28.04.10.
3. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No. 27814/2007/K3, dt:01.11.2013.
4. Govt. Memo No.7126/For.IV/A1/2008, dt:27-09-2014.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.27814/2007/Vig-3, dt:1-11-2014.
6. Govt.Memo.No.7126/For.IV/A1/2008, dt: 06-12-2014.
7. From the Prl.CCF. Lr.Rc.No.27814/2007/vig-1, dt:25.03.2015.
8. Govt.Lr.No.7126/For.IV/A1/2008, dt:25.07.2017.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.624/DC&C/1/2017, dt:17.08.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri B. Gandhi Reddy, Dy. Conservator of Forests, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division, u/r 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 and the following an Article of Charge was issued:-

Article: "That the said Sri B.Gandhi Reddy, Dy. Conservator of Forests(State Cadre) while functioning as Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa during the period from 27-4-2006 to 19-7-2007 has failed to supervise works properly in the field which gave room for field staff to incur in-fructuous expenditure of Rs.7,08,813/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Eight thousand Eight hundred Thirteen only)."

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Prl.CCF, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that the Charged officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 06-12-2009 and submitted the written statement of defense on 10-3-2010. The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool and the Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa, were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting officers respectively vide G.O.Rt.No.561, 562 EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:7-11-2012, for conducting the inquiry.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiry Officer submitted the findings on 06.03.2013 in which he held that the charge is **proved**. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer and he has submitted the further defense.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2011. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years from the pensionary benefits of Sri B. Gandhi Reddy, Dy. Conservator of Forests, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause- Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his further defence statement through vide reference 7th read above.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years from the pensionary benefits of Sri B. Gandhi Reddy, Dy. Conservator of Forests (Retd.) and the then Divisional Forest Officer, Kadapa Division under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh,
Aaghathavarapadu, Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.624/DC&C/1/2017, Dt.17.08.2017).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER